



## Santa Claus Says

"The truly ideal Christmas gifts are those things for the home which will last a lifetime and can be put to daily use and enjoyment."

Why not give the lady who keeps the home an Electric Cleaner? It's sure to please.

For the boys and girls we have a large assortment of presents that will please the little folks—Sleds, Dolls' Beds, Chimes, Doll Carriages, Doll Cutters, Kiddie Horses, Skudder Cars, small size Pool Tables, Blackboards and Children's Rockers.

In Pictures, Framed and Unframed, we have the famous Davidson and Sawyer Hand-Colored Platins, taken from White and Green Mountain scenery.

Our Picture Framing Department is very busy, but we shall get our every order on time for Christmas.

**B. W. Hooker & Co., Inc.**  
Ambulance Service—Undertakers

### When You Come to New York.

In "The Making of George Groton" the new serial starting in the December American Magazine, Bruce Barton, the author, says:

"The lights of New York began to appear; first, a few at long distances on the outgoing highways, then closer together, until finally we rolled across the little water separating Manhattan Island from the rest of the United States, and at once there were lights everywhere. People in the car began the bustle of getting off. A man in the seat behind me woke up, and stretched himself and swore. I had heard plenty of profanity in Merwin, but it had generally been uttered with a purpose—hot words out of a seething soul. No one in Merwin ever woke up swearing. It is only where life has grown complex, where the problems of it are almost too much of a burden on the pretty human mechanism built to wrestle with them, that men damn the day before they have tasted it."

"The pinocchio game broke up, and three of the players jumped abruptly to look after their bags, leaving the fourth to gather up the cards without help. Men who had been chatting as though they had known each other for years, withdrew, each into himself. The same look spread from face to face. I did not recognize it then. I know it now. It was the look of business. The little holiday of three or four hours was over; men who had incautiously allowed themselves to become intimate with their seatmates instinctively put up the bars. Two men I did see who exchanged glances, each urging the other to look him up sometime. And as I later passed their seat I noticed that each had left the other's card behind him. It was a pleasant formality which neither misunderstood. Under other circumstances they would have been glad to foster the friendship that the journey had begun. But New York was upon them and around them and in them. One does not look people up in New York."

## We Can Help You

to make selection of gifts for any or every one on your list of "eligibles."

Our showing of Jewelry is more complete than ever, and, because we bought in larger quantities than usual, we are offering many chances for economies that you will be glad to take advantage of.

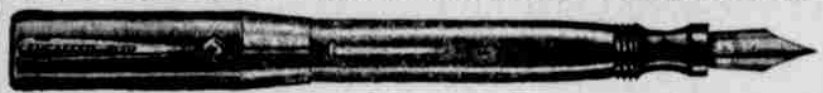
Shipments are arriving daily to keep our stocks complete in Pictures, Novelties, Cut Glass, etc.

"It's a pleasure for us to show goods."

**BELL & HOUSTON**

161 No. Main St., Phone 163-M

**SHEAFFER'S**  
SELF FILLING PEN  
THE PEN THAT MAKES WRITING A PLEASURE



THE STUDENTS AND BUSINESS MANS PEN  
**Drown's Drug Store**  
48 North Main St.  
PERFORMS WHAT OTHERS PROMISE  
**\$2.50 up**

## FIRE AND WATER SALE

A complete line of Groceries slightly damaged by fire and water, at greatly reduced prices. This sale is for cash and no goods delivered.

SALE BEGINS AT 8 O'CLOCK  
FRIDAY

**Houghton & Robins**  
Tel. 258 24 Elm Street

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Bridge whist scorecard books one-half price at Abbott's.

Fancywork for sale. Mrs. Boyce, 11 Academy street.

A souvenir w. each purchase at the People's Shoe Sto.

C. C. Hoyt left in night for Boston, where he is making a business visit of several days.

Rehearsal for Christmas concert in the Baptist church to-morrow (Friday) immediately after school.

Italian Gaiety club will hold a New Year's dance in Clon Gordon hall Tuesday, Jan. 1. Carroll's orchestra.

Miss Irene Lander of South Main street is employed at the Homer Pitts store during the holiday season.

Mrs. William Kelley of Burlington has been spending three weeks with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Kelly of North Main street.

George F. Howe of South Main street is detained by illness from his duties as a motorman on the main line of the R. & M. T. & P. Co.

Mrs. William Tessor of Charlotte is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Kelly. She will soon join her husband in Connecticut.

W. P. Townsend of Chelsea arrived in the city to-day, having been called here by the death of his brother, Charles B. Townsend of Washington street.

Miss Catherine Martin arrived last evening from South Hadley, Mass., where she is a student in Mount Holyoke college, to spend the Christmas recess at her home on Richardson street.

Edward Chandler, who is a student in Norwich university, is spending the Christmas recess at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Chandler of Park street. Sessions at Norwich will be resumed Jan. 1.

Special sale of forequarters of beef; a few light quarters (very choice) for small families. I buy my beef from responsible parties only, and have only the best. Satisfaction guaranteed. Tel. 527. W. C. R. Wood, 62 North Main street.

Robert B. Jones, John C. Booth and George Mutch have returned from Boston, where, as special delegates from the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, they attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Granite Industries.

A card from Frank McDonald, a former clerk in the Drown pharmacy, who is stationed in the base hospital at Camp Kearney, Cal., states that he is a member of a detail which is preparing to leave for France in the near future. Lieut. Leon Abbott of Barre is also stationed at Camp Kearney.

Edwin E. Smith, who has been a member of the faculty at Spaulding high school since the opening of the school year in October, has resigned his position and will complete his duties to-morrow. Mr. Smith is to return to his home in White River Junction, there to manage the grocery and bakery business belonging to the estate of his father, who passed away recently.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre yesterday and to-day were the following people: Mrs. M. M. Terry of South Rivergate, E. M. Noble of Burlington, M. J. Lorimer of Newport, G. A. Mills of Fort Edward, N. Y., J. J. Walsh of Manchester, H. N. Davis of Burlington, A. C. Mason of Rutland, C. F. Mitchell of Burlington, William Gill and P. W. Stearns of St. Johnsbury, O. B. Marron of Portsmouth, N. H., M. J. Kelleher of Springfield, L. E. Clary of Portland, Me.

Some of the boys and girls advise us that they are having some difficulty in getting convenient information relative to "National Banks." To help them in preparing their essays in the prize composition contest, we are running a series of advertisements emphasizing some of the features of national banks. We would suggest that these be cut out and saved, as this collection will be a great help. The competition does not close until 3 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 5. People's National Bank—adv.

Earl Bemis of Chicago, Ill., is passing a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bemis of Long street. Mr. Bemis is employed by a retail monument concern in Chicago, and because of the prevailing scarcity of help and reluctance on the part of manufacturers to guarantee early deliveries, he is experiencing some difficulty in placing an order for a large monument. Before returning home he will visit for a few days in the home of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Mosher, in Brighton, Mass.

The body of Miss Ada J. Sherburne, a long-time resident of Barre, who passed away in the home of her brother, Dr. H. K. Sherburne of Rutland, Tuesday afternoon after a long illness, was brought to this city over the Central Vermont railroad this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The remains were taken to the Heddling Methodist church, where the deceased was long affiliated as a worker. The funeral services being in charge of the pastor, Rev. B. G. Lipsky. Interment is to be made in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

At the auction of purebred Holstein calves for Benjamin and LeBaron of Williamstown, Monday, a small crowd, but good bidders, were present. Seven four-month-old calves averaged \$131 each. A six-week-old granddaughter of King of the Pontiacs topped the sale at \$145. At the Wells estate sale in East Montpelier, Tuesday, prices were good. Cows averaged about \$18; hay, \$11.10 per ton; potatoes, \$1.15 a bushel; oats, 77c a bushel; ensilage, \$4.65 per ton; hens, 96c each. At the Green Jersey farm, East Montpelier, cows sold for from \$38 to \$150; pair horses, \$430; hay at barn, \$13.10. D. A. Perry was the auctioneer at all three sales. He is in Williamstown to-day holding a sale for Walter Loo.

### Certainly Looked That Way.

A westerner who had never seen the ocean was standing on the beach and he asked the beach guard:

"Say, mister, do you fellows sell this water in case folks want to take a sea bath in their rooms?"

The beach guard thought he would "jolly" him along and told him it was 15 cents a bucket, or two buckets for a quarter.

The man seemed to think that was too expensive and went away. When he came around again it was low tide.

"Great Scott," said he, "but you've sold a lot since morning, haven't you?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Regular meeting of Winnetka council, No. 10, D. of P., Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock. Election of chiefs. Ladies' night will be observed. Every member is entitled to bring a lady friend.

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## Only 3 Days for Christmas Shopping

In the next three days left for Christmas shopping you will be looking for useful presents, something that will have real value, that the receiver will enjoy and appreciate. We have received this week two large express shipments of Sample Waists in the Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine. These are extra values at the old prices. You should see this line of Waists while the assortment is good.

We have just in by express one lot of Silk and Fleece Kimonos in the popular new colorings and styles, especially designed for Christmas. In the Cotton Crepes we have a full line in all the popular designs.

In Silk Petticoats we have a large assortment of colors, in styles that are up to the minute. See our special Changeable Silk Petticoat at \$3.50.

At \$2.50 we have a large assortment of Silk Flounce Petticoats with the Heatherbloom tops. These are unusual values.

We have a large assortment of Silk Dresses that are new and made in the season's most popular designs. These make a very nice present, and nobody has too many such Dresses. See our new Wool Dress models at popular prices.

### Christmas Toys and Dolls

This is the best line of these goods carried in this part of Vermont. We do a very large business in these goods. Once you see the line you will understand the reason.

#### HORSMAN'S CHARACTER DOLLS

These are the genuine Campbell Kids, the Unbreakable Doll.

These Dolls look like real babies; have natural-shaped arms and legs and heads. They are the kinds that children just love. They cost no more than other kinds; from 69c up to \$6.98 each. Those at \$1.39 are the best sellers.

Teddy Bears always sell. These in all sizes. They can be banged around, and children like them.

Lots of Mechanical Toys for the small boys. Automobiles that run.

We have a full assortment of Wooden Toys in Wagons of different styles.

Children are very much taken with our Doll Hammocks. Doll Dishes. These are what little girls want.

Games and Work Boxes. These are in our basement.

Some of our best are Small Wooden Wagons in all styles, such as Busses, Hearses and Delivery Wagons in different colors. Your choice at 75c. Have been more.

Meccano Construction Sets at three-fourths their regular price. The best thing ever made for the education of a boy.

**BUY FREELY OF WOOL DRESS GOODS.** You know the Wool market. Wool Dress Goods for spring will be lots higher. The largest advance that you have seen yet. You can buy Silks now at a saving. If the government asks ladies to buy Silks so as to help the Wool situation, then Silks will take a big advance. Work some of your Christmas buying into this saving.

## The Daylight Store

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Only three more days in which to buy your Christmas gifts at the People's Shoe Store.

Mrs. H. D. Graves and little son of Washington street left to-day for Barton, where they are to remain with relatives until after the holidays.

Special sale on copper teakettle, tea and coffee pots, lanterns, asbestos and irons, corn poppers and washing machines. Souvenir given away with every purchase. E. A. Prindle, Worthen block.

#### Dangers of Education.

"I educated one of my boys to be a doctor and the other to be a lawyer," said Farmer Cornsweat.

"You should be very proud of them," announced the visitor. "That seems like an excellent arrangement."

"I don't know about that," replied the aged agriculturist. "It looks as though it was going to break up the family. I got run into by a locomotive, and one of 'em wants to cure me and the other wants me to go lame so he can sue for damages."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### Its Name.

"What a narrow street that is!" said the visitor being shown about the suburban town by a citizen.

"Yes, it's narrow," replied the citizen. "And in wretched condition. See the holes in the pavement!"

"Yes, it looks bad."

"And dirt everywhere. What is the name of that street?"

"That's Grand street."—Irish World.

#### Bill Clancy

(By Rena Cary Sheffield of The Vigilantes.)

A gunner was Bill Clancy. A man of nerve and brawn;

The first into the fighting line When swords of war were drawn.

The Stars and Stripes he made his own Knight's shield of heraldry.

They waved above the cannon Of the field artillery.

So hot for Gunner Clancy Who hails from Texas state;

Who pinned his colors on his heart And dared for any fate!

He braved the shrapnel's talons, The blast of iron and chance

To take the old Red, White and Blue Through Vimy ridge in France!

A hero was Bill Clancy— He bore the colors on;

He felt the breath of victory That scorched his face at dawn.

A heritage of nobleness He left the U. S. A.

And put his Texas on the map As first into the fray.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Special silk petticoat values at Abbott's. Skis for Christmas. Prices right. Tilden Shoe Co.

#### When Shaw Mistook Noses.

George Bernard Shaw, the English author, always does the original thing. At a performance of "Cesar and Cleopatra" Mr. Shaw and a friend stood in the aisle—the house being crowded—and a stranger behind persisted in poking his head over Shaw's shoulder.

Shaw then did the original thing. Taking out his handkerchief he wiped the man's nose, patting and twisting it pretty vigorously.

The man, with an angry exclamation, jerked back his head.

"Oh, I beg pardon," said Shaw; "I thought it was mine, you know."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### One Advantage.

Mildred—Women don't have so many enemies as men have, do you think?

Clarence—Maybe not, but the women seem to get more pleasure out of theirs.—Judge.

## Don't scrub so hard

on battered floors, and don't tire yourself out trying to keep dingy cupboards, marred woodwork and old furniture clean and sanitary.

A few minutes with a paint brush will save you many a weary hour scrubbing. Just take home a convenient and inexpensive can of

**ROGERS STAIN-FLOOR FINISH**

and apply it yourself to the wall's woodwork, or furniture. The work is simple and the smooth varnish gloss is easy to keep clean and bright.

The wise housewife uses Stain-floor to prolong the life of the kitchen linoleum.

If there's a worn place in your home, come in today, select a can, and "do it yourself" with Stain-floor.

**The Smith Cumings Co.**

### Vandalism in Russia.

If anything were needed to forecast the early downfall of the group of radicals who are now misgoverning Russia it would be the news of the destruction of the Tolstoi chateau at Yasnyaya Polyana by a peasant mob. Some excuse, however slender, might be found for the rage which led the other day to the looting of the winter palace in Petrograd. For a part of every year the late czar made his home there, and thence had sent forth edict after edict. It was from its windows that the supporters of autocracy witnessed the massacre of "bloody Sunday" during the insurrection of 1905. The "extenuating circumstances" were still less in evidence when still more recently the Bolsheviks bombarded Moscow and ruined the Cathedral of the Assumption, the Church of St. Basil and the tower of Ivan Veliki—the cathedral built in the fifteenth century by a Bolognese architect; the church a sixteenth century edifice raised to commemorate the capture of Kazan, the tower completed in the seventeenth by Boris Godunov.

All three, however associated with czarism, deserved to be spared, as Napoleon had spared them; they were national shrines, precious to a whole people; sacred landmarks in its history. What shall now be said of the culmination of these vandalisms in the destruction of the Tolstoi home and the burning up of the books and manuscripts accumulated during his lifetime by the great thinker and writer? Tolstoi was the best friend the peasants of Russia ever had. Several years before the emancipation he voluntarily liberated his own serfs into free work for themselves, reserving only his right to a tax; after the emancipation he carried out the law more liberally than was at all common, and by his championship of the muzhiks during the time of adjustment to their new status earned the hatred of the proprietors.

He was long active in organizing schools for the peasantry, and published an educational magazine in their interest. When famine came Tolstoi spent two years in the study of its problems, went to the front of the suffering, superintended the agencies at work, and contributed of his own means to the relief fund. To the peasants of his own district he was ever a generous friend, and in days of calamity a self-sacrificing benefactor. Short-lived must memory have been, and fearful the havoc wrought by the poison of Leninism, when the muzhiks could thus deal with the man who, in token of his sympathy with the common people, put on their own sheepskin garb and high boots, insisted on doing all menial tasks for himself, and paid them the crowning tribute of toiling in the lanes and fields at their side!—Boston Herald.

## GOOD VALUES

We have no frozen Fish, as it all comes by express each morning.

HADDOCK, WHOLE, per lb. 18c

HADDOCK, BONED, per lb. 20c

SALMON, per lb. 35c

SMELTS, per lb. 25c

HERRINGS 4 for 25c

HADDIES, per lb. 20c

MACKEREL, per lb. 25c

COD, per lb. 18c

HALIBUT, per lb. 30c

Clams, Oysters, Lobsters, Scallops, Blue Points, Shell Clams, Shrimps.

Swedish Cured Dried Fish for Christmas.

Cod Bits in bulk, per lb. 15c

Queen Olives in bulk, per lb. 15c

Chow Chow Mustard Pickles, per lb. 15c

Sweet Relish in bulk, per lb. 20c

Best No. 1 Baldwins and Greening Apples, pk. 60c

Good Cooking Apples, per peck 45c

**The F. D. Ladd Company**

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